



## El Rescate

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RE: The Lake on Wilshire Project - 1930 Wilshire Boulevard  
(CPC-2016-3142-GPA-VCU-CUB-DB-SPR; VTT 74297; ENV-2016-3144-EAF)

Dear Mr. David H. Ambroz:

As the Executive Director of El Rescate, we have a strong community presence in the Westlake/MacArthur Park community.

Daily, we see firsthand the challenges that this population dense, largely immigrant community faces in the City of Los Angeles. We have also witnessed the significant development that has occurred in downtown Los Angeles and along Wilshire Boulevard west of our community. In short, the positive impact other communities have received has not been experienced by our community.

Recently, we met with representatives from Dr. Walter Jayasinghe's office to discuss his proposed project, The Lake on Wilshire, at 1930 Wilshire Boulevard. I have known Dr. J for some time. Through his medical clinics located in Los Angeles' most impoverished neighborhoods, including Westlake, he has provided much-needed assistance to communities in need.

The Lake on Wilshire development project will create tax revenue, generate local jobs and create a community use space for our multi-cultural community. The project's Community and Performing Arts Center will be available for important events and activities that all our neighbors can take advantage of - including financial literacy, citizenship classes, computer literacy and English as a second language classes. Additionally, should community groups wish to use this space, I am advised that it will be available to them on a first-come, first-served basis. The project will also place a premium on hiring locally during not only its construction but on-going operation.

The Lake on Wilshire is a project that will benefit the Westlake community for years to come. It has my strong support and I hope that it will receive yours, as well.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director, El Rescate

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